

Remarks

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 14-16, 29, 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 48-52, 77 and 78 were pending.

Claim Amendments

No claims are amended.

Summary of Examiner's Interview

This paper is submitted in response to the Interview Summary mailed on February 27, 2009. It is noted that the issue fee was paid on March 6, 2009. Therefore, prosecution is closed. However, the Interview Summary states that, "THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

As there is no indication on the Interview Summary that Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is not necessary, this paper is filed for completeness of the record.

An Examiner's telephonic interview was held on February 17, 2009, between Examiner Anne M. Gussow and Applicant's representative Richard A. Nakashima. No exhibits were shown and no demonstration was conducted. Only claim 49 was discussed. Applicant's representative agreed to an Examiner's amendment to claim 49 to remove its dependency from claim 1, to avoid dependency of claim 49 from both claim 48 and claim 1.

No prior art was discussed. Applicants note that a Notice of Allowance had been mailed on December 31, 2008, and that the purpose of the Examiner's Interview was to discuss an Examiner's Amendment to address a minor informality in the claim language. No arguments were presented to the Examiner. No other pertinent matters were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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